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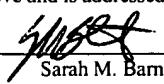
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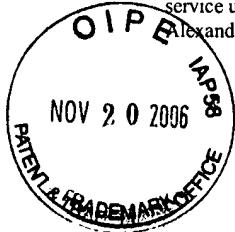
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kunio SHIOTA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
Application No.: 09/881,748) Examiner: Jerry LIN
Filed: June 18, 2001) Confirmation No. 8762
For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING)
CELLS USING DNA)
METHYLATION PATTERNS)

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2006 ("Action").

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Withdrawal of the Rejection of claims 6, 8, 9, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that the remarks filed

June 6, 2006, were persuasive. Action at page 1, item no. 1. Applicants also acknowledge, with appreciation, the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 8, 9, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). *Id.* at page 4, item no. 4.